

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-93 (Cancelled)

94. (Currently amended) A fencing system comprising:

an elongated member having a front surface and back surface, wherein the elongated member comprises fiber cement from a dewatered and cured fiber cement slurry, the fiber cement containing in the range of from about 5 to about 80% by volume of cement, from about 10 to about 80% by volume silica, and from about 4 to about 15% of predominantly individualized cellulose fibers;

a uniform repeating pattern provided on each of the front surface and the back surface of the elongated member, wherein said pattern is provided using a plurality of rollers, wherein each roller has a textured surface and is adapted to turn at a predetermined speed relative to the elongated member to achieve a high fidelity transfer of the pattern to the front surface and the back surface of the elongated member, wherein the pattern is formed of the same material as the elongated member.

95. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the elongated member is cut to size and shaped for use in the fence system prior to curing the fiber cement, wherein the elongated member does not exhibit any substantial fraying of the fibers along the surfaces of the elongated member after curing.

96. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the elongated member has at least one surface that has a pre-finish thereon.

97. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the elongated member resembles a picket.

98. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the elongated member has an upper end, wherein the upper end is formed into a shape selected from the group consisting of square cut, dog-eared, French gothic, scalloped, pointed and saw-toothed.

99. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the front surface and back surface of the elongated member has a finish that resembles wood.

100. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the front surface and back surface of the elongated member has a finish that resembles masonry.

101. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the fiber cement forming the elongated member incorporates a low-density additive.

102. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 101, wherein the low-density additive comprises micro spheres.

103. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 101, wherein the low-density additive comprises volcanic ash.

104. (Previously presented) The fencing system of Claim 94, wherein the fiber cement forming the elongated member comprise moisture resistant cellulose fibers.

105. (Currently amended) A fencing system comprising:

an elongated member having a front surface and back surface, wherein the elongated member comprises fiber cement from a dewatered and cured fiber cement slurry, the fiber cement containing in the range of from about 5 to about 80% by volume of cement, from about 10 to about 80% by volume silica, and from about 4 to about 15% of predominantly individualized cellulose fibers; and

a uniform repeating pattern of embossed fiber cement fibers provided on each of the front surface and back surface of the elongated member, wherein the pattern is formed of the same material as the elongated member.

106. (Currently amended) A fencing system comprising:

an elongated member having a front surface and back surface, wherein the elongated member comprises fiber cement from a dewatered and cured fiber cement slurry, the fiber cement containing in the range of from about 5 to about 80% by volume of cement, from about 10 to about

80% by volume silica, and from about 4 to about 15% of predominantly individualized cellulose fibers; and

an embossed pattern provided on each of the front surface and back surface of the elongated member, wherein the pattern comprises a uniform repeating pattern of fiber cement fibers and is formed of the same material as the elongated member, wherein the front surface and back surface each having a pattern do not exhibit surface inconsistencies as compared to fencing systems not made of fiber cement.